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POETRY.

BY PETER PEPPERCOIN.

"Lean, raw-boned rascals—who would ever suppose they had such courage and audacity?"—Henry IV, Act I, Scene 2. In eighteen hundred and sixty-six, At Washington, a Yankee tinkerer, Of boisterous tinkers then convened To mend a Union Pot, Which in a scuffle had been cracked And nearly rent apart. In Congress Hall these tinkers met, To try their tinkering art. First, tinkering Sumner tried his hand, And said he thought the crack Might be repaired by fixing in A little something Black; Though such a thing smelt very strong, Sometimes in summer weather, No composition but Black Paste Would keep the Pot together. Then Dr. Kelley rose and said, "There is no time to waste, Therefore, I now propose to try To mend the Pot with Paste; Moreover, let us have a law That every crack in the Pot, Throughout our land, no matter where, Be stopped with something Black."

BY TELEGRAPH.

MIDNIGHT DISPATCHES.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—The House proceedings to-day were not particularly interesting. A resolution to adjourn on the 24th inst. was passed. The Senate passed a bill for bridging the Mississippi at certain points, with an amendment requiring the consent of the States on each side of the river where the bridges are to be.

The death of Lane, of Kansas, was announced in both Houses.

Yesterday there were twenty deaths from sunstroke in Baltimore, thirty cases in New York, only a few of which proved fatal, and fourteen deaths in Philadelphia.

At least one-third of the members of the House are absent by consent or from sickness.

The Pennsylvania contested case has been disposed of by ousting Coffey, a Democrat, and giving the seat to Kountz, a Black Republican.

Washington, Illinois, was taken suddenly ill to-day in the House, and conveyed to his room.

There is but little public business of importance to be acted upon by Congress.

In the case of Burbridge, for assaulting Painter, the correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer and ex-clerk of a House committee, was investigated by a committee, which reported that the offender should be held in custody by the sergeant-at-arms until the 4th of next March, at which time the authority of this Congress expires. A writ of habeas corpus was issued, but when the sergeant-at-arms informed the court that he held the prisoner by authority of the House of Representatives, Judge Wylde quashed the petition.

Gen. Rousseau will resign his seat in the House rather than submit to a reprimand from Speaker Coffey.

Foreign.

HALIFAX, July 18.—The Africa, from Liverpool the 7th, with dates via Queenstown to the 8th, has arrived.

The cotton market on Saturday was dull, and the improvement of Friday was lost. The decline was caused by the anticipated failure of peace negotiations. Sales 7000 bales; middling upland is quoted at about 14; breadstuffs firmer; provisions inactive; consols 87 1/2; 5-20s 66 1/2.

Austria and Italy have accepted the proposed armistice, conditionally, Prussia retaining her present military position, and the troops to be supported by the countries occupied; Austria is not to increase her army in the field.

A Vienna telegram says there are good prospects of an armistice for six weeks. The Austrians continued their retreat without further molestation.

The Prussians had advanced further into Bohemia, and severe fighting had occurred on the frontier.

The end of the Atlantic cable was successfully laid on the 6th. The old cable was tested and found to be in perfect condition.

The Prussians have gained another victory, having defeated the Bavarians at Deimach.

The people of Prussia and Italy are strongly opposed to the armistice, not desiring the terms to be dictated by Austria at Vienna.

Vienna dispatches say that General

Clam, Gallas and Krasenague, and Field-Marshal Stern will be court-martialed.

The King of Prussia has ordered the release of all the Austrian prisoners, paroling them not to serve during the war.

Heavy cannonading was heard in the direction of Reongratz, on the 7th, and it was believed that the Prussians were storming that fortress.

At Berlin a statue of Frederick II. was crowned with laurels, in honor of the victory.

A Trenton dispatch states that the victory against the Austrians was decided by the Prince Royal succeeding, by the greatest efforts and forced marches, in reaching the battlefield in season to direct the attack against the right wing of the Austrians.

The King decorated the Prince on the field of battle with the order of military merit.

The priests are arousing the peasantry against Garibaldi, by preaching to his forces and denouncing him as an anti-Christ.

La Presse, of July 7th, says that King Victor Emmanuel has not at once succeeded to the armistice proposed through France. He alleges as his reason that he has to consult with his ally, the King of Prussia.

The Italian government has been notified that it will have to cease every act of hostility against Venice, it being French territory.

A French commissioner is going at once to Vienna, to assume its government in the name of the Emperor.

Orders have been issued to the French squadron in the Mediterranean, to repair to Venice immediately, and hoist the French flag instead of the Austrian, upon all fortified points on the Venetian coast.

The session of Venice to France is complete and definite, and without any other conditions upon the part of Austria, except to withdraw the guns, arms, and all munitions of war found in fortified places.

Within forty-eight hours, the whole of Venice will be French territory, and it will depend upon the good will of the French, either to keep or part with it.

It is the intention of Austria to continue the war against Prussia, if she perceives in her assumptions as asserted in her project of federal reform, communicated to the government of northern Germany.

The Emperor, Francis Joseph, declares his intention to transfer his capital to Pest, should he be unable to defend Vienna, and call to arms the whole population of his State.

From New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, July 18.—Cotton, unchanged; sales, 1000 bales; sterling, 64; New York exchange, 100; flour, 100; sugar, 100; the other markets are unsettled.

Gen. Baird has issued an order based upon Gen. Grant's order, ordering arrests under that order to be made only upon proper affidavits, and advises that the arrests be deferred until proper investigations have been made, unless there is manifest danger of the escape of the offenders.

Gen. Sheridan has been compelled to leave his present quarters, and seek others near Jackson Square.

Sheridan has issued an order prohibiting the erection in this military division of any monument commemorating the rebellion, and forbidding the reorganization of Confederate companies, batteries, brigades, etc., for any purpose whatever.

From New York.

NEW YORK, July 18.—Cotton buoyant, holders demanding an advance—sales 1500 bales at 36 1/2; flour dull and 10 to 20 lower, Southern drooping—sales 300 barrels at \$9 75 to \$10 75; wheat dull and nominally lower; corn steady at 84 1/2; pork heavy at \$31 3/4; heavy at \$32 3/4; coffee more active—sales 10,500 bags at private terms; naval stores quiet; turpentine 70 1/2 to 73; gold 149 1/2; treasury's 103 1/2.

The Cuba sailed to-day from Boston with \$275,000.

From Richmond.

RICHMOND, July 18.—The State Executive Committee, organized in 1860, held a meeting in the capitol to-day, and adopted resolutions; the first declaring, in the name and in behalf of the people of Virginia, that they heartily sympathize with the law abiding people of the Northern States on the subject of the proposed Philadelphia Convention, and assuring them of their anxious disposition to co-operate with them in restoring peace, and in bringing back the Government in practice to its settled principles and usages.

From Albany.

ALBANY, N. Y., July 18.—The antirent troubles have broken out again, in a serious shape. The Sheriff in attempting to execute a legal process, was roughly handled, and his deputy was beaten and driven off by a body of men. One hundred soldiers will start with the Sheriff to-morrow, to enforce the law.

From Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, July 18.—Sales of tobacco, 171 bbls., at full rates. Flour, \$7; extra, \$10; prime new wheat, \$2 30; mixed corn, 70c; oats, 44c; pork, \$32 50; bacon—shoulders, 16 1/2; clear sides, 21 1/2; prime lard, 21c; whiskey, \$2 25.

From Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, July 18.—Flour dull and unchanged at \$7 50 to \$8 50; wheat dull at \$1 65 to \$1 80; corn, 62c; oats very dull at 36 to 41c; whiskey unchanged; provisions quiet and unchanged; pork, \$32; bacon, 17 to 21c; nothing doing in bulk meats; lard, 19c; groceries dull, but not lower. Heavy rains to-night.

From St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, July 18.—Flour tending downward, but not lower; wheat unchanged, 62c; prime winter, white \$5; mixed and yellow \$2 60 to \$2 85.

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